CLAIMS

- 1. A therapeutic agent for inhibiting vascularization comprising as the effective ingredient, a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.
- 2. A therapeutic agent for a solid cancer comprising as the effective ingredient, a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.

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- 3. A therapeutic agent for a disease pathologically caused by neovascularization comprising as the effective ingredient, a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.
- 4. A therapeutic agent for repairing a tissue comprising as the effective ingredient, a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.
- 5. The therapeutic agent according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the substance inhibits the very binding between SDF-1 and CXCR4.
 - 6. The therapeutic agent according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the substance inhibits signaling from CXCR4 to nuclei.
 - 7. The therapeutic agent according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the substance inhibits the very expression of CXCR4.
- 8. The therapeutic agent according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the substance inhibits the very expression of SDF-1.

- 9. The therapeutic agent according to claim 5, wherein the substance inhibits SDF-1.
- 10. The therapeutic agent according to claim 5, wherein the substance inhibits CXCR4.
- 5 11. The therapeutic agent according to claim 9, wherein the substance inhibits CXCR4 in antagonistic competition with SDF-1.

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- 12. The therapeutic agent according to claim 9, wherein the substance inhibits SDF-1 from binding to CXCR4 by binding to SDF-1.
- 13. The therapeutic agent according to claim 11, wherein the substance is one selected from the group consisting of a SDF-1-like protein, a fused protein of the foregoing protein with another peptide or polypeptide, a partial peptide of SDF-1, and a low molecular weight compound having a structure similar to a binding site of SDF-1.
- 14. The therapeutic agent according to claim 12, wherein the substance is one selected from the group 20 consisting of an anti-SDF-1 antibody, a fragment of said antibody possessing the activity of the anti-SDF-1 antibody, a fused protein possessing binding activity to SDF-1, a substance that induces a structural change in SDF-1, and a low molecular weight compound capable of binding to the CXCR4-binding site of SDF-1.

- 15. The therapeutic agent according to claim 10, wherein the substance inhibits CXCR4 in antagonistic competition with CXCR4 for binding to SDF-1.
- 16. The therapeutic agent according to claim 10, wherein the substance inhibits SDF-1 from binding to CXCR4 by binding to CXCR4.

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- 17. The therapeutic agent according to claim 15, wherein the substance is one selected from the group consisting of a soluble CXCR4 that antagonizes CXCR4 in the inhibition, a protein having a CXCR4-like structure, a fused protein of the foregoing protein with another peptide or polypeptide, a partial peptide of CXCR4, and a low molecular weight compound having a structure similar to a binding site of SDF-1.
- 18. The therapeutic agent according to claim 16, wherein the substance is one selected from the group consisting of an anti-CXCR4 antibody, a fragment of said antibody possessing the activity of anti-CXCR4 antibody, a fused protein possessing binding activity to CXCR4, a substance that induces a structural change in SDF-1, and a low molecular weight compound capable of binding to the SDF-1-binding site of CXCR4.
- 19. The therapeutic agent according to claim 6, wherein the substance is an inhibitor of a signaling system located downstream of a G protein-coupled protein and is one selected from the group consisting

of a MAPK cascade inhibitor, a phosphoraipase C (PLC) inhibitor, and a PI3 kinase inhibitor.

20. The therapeutic agent according to claim 7, wherein the substance is a substance that causes apparent disappearance of CXCR4 from cells by acting on cell membrane to vary fluidity thereof and to cause disappearance of CXCR4 from the cell membrane.

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- 21. The therapeutic agent according to claim 7, wherein the substance is a substance that inhibits the very expression of CXCR4 and is one selected from the group consisting of an antigene, an antisense polynucleotide, an antisense RNA expressed by an antisense vector, a ribozyme, and an inhibitor against the expression control site of CXCR4.
- 22. The therapeutic agent according to claim 8, wherein the substance is an antisense for the inhibition of expression of SDF-1.
 - 23. The therapeutic agent according to claim 8, wherein the substance shows inhibition against the expression control site of SDF-1.
 - 24. A method for suppressing vascularization comprising using a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.
- 25. A method for treating a solid cancer
 25 comprising using a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.

- 26. A method for treating a disease pathologically caused by neovascularization comprising using a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.
- 27. A method for repairing a tissue comprising using a substance that inhibits the action due to CXCR4.